

GUATEMALA CITY COMPLETELY DESTROYED

EARTHQUAKE LEVELS CITY TO GROUND AND MORE THAN HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS ARE HOMELESS IN STREETS

WASHINGTON, December 31—(Associated Press)—Guatemala La Nueva or Guatemala City, the capital of the Republic of Guatemala has been annihilated and completely destroyed by a terrific earthquake shock which came on Saturday as the culmination of a series of temblors which have rocked and shaken the little republic of Central America for nearly a week. One hundred and twenty-five thousand people, the entire population are homeless in the streets. The dead will number hundreds and the injured will count into the thousands. There is grave suffering and an appeal for assistance has been sent out.

The American Red Cross immediately replied that it would furnish assistance and a preliminary appropriation of ten thousand dollars for the start of the work was made.

RAILROAD CONTROL GOES FORWARD WITH GOOD SPEED

WASHINGTON, December 31—(Associated Press)—Director General McAdoo of the United States Railroad Service is going ahead without delay to the relief of the congested traffic. Yesterday he issued orders that dealt especially with the two great railroad centers of the country, Chicago and New York. These special instructions dealt solely with the clearing of the congestion at those points and with the rapidity of cars as they are unloaded.

Walker Hines, a New York railroad lawyer was yesterday named by McAdoo as assistant director general of the railroads. It was announced that this appointment was a temporary one. Another announcement of importance was that Alfred H. Smith, president of the New York Central Railroad had been named as a special temporary assistant to the director general.

The director general announced that he was prepared to facilitate the movements of coal to all districts which are suffering from the intense cold wave that now holds a great portion of the country in its grip which is one of the most serious problems that confronts him as suffering is reported as intense in many districts.

WAGE SITUATION SERIOUS
Yet another problem which demands his immediate attention is the labor and wage situation. The railways having refused to consider the demands of the brotherhoods this placed the question of wage scale and other demands squarely before the new director general.

COMPENSATION FOR COMPANIES
Congress is expected to have prepared this week legislation guaranteeing to the railroads compensation upon a basis of their pre-war earnings. It is also expected that the President will go before congress on Thursday with a message upon the legislation which he considers the changed conditions growing out of railroad control by the government will immediately demand.

COLD WAVE AND COAL SHORTAGE COMBINE TO MAKE COUNTRY SUFFER

WASHINGTON, December 31—(Associated Press)—Extreme cold prevailed throughout the central and eastern portions of the United States yesterday and in some sections of the country new low records were established. Owing to the coal shortage the suffering is intense and deaths from the cold are being reported from several middle, western and eastern cities.

In New York yesterday the mercury sank to thirteen degrees below zero which is six degrees lower than the lowest previously recorded in the history of the weather bureau.

New York reported intense suffering because of the short supply of coal and three deaths from freezing. Buildings are often unheated and the city never in its history experienced greater discomfort from a cold wave.

In Philadelphia and vicinity the mercury ranged from four to twenty degrees below zero and there also was great discomfort and suffering by reason of the coal shortage.

The cold weather extends far south where the people were even less prepared for it and no hope of any great abatement in the cold is held forth by the weather bureau for today.

McAdoo has promised to expedite coal deliveries by the railroads but at best this relief will come late.

L. A. Bnead, head of the fuel administration's distributive agency forecast that this coal shortage and the cold wave that has come upon the country at this time will mean the taking over by the government of the coal mines and the conscription of labor to work the mines.

CHARLES ROBINSON DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Expert Who Prepared Plans For Honolulu Passes Away

ROCHESTER, New York, December 31—(Associated Press)—Charles Robinson, the noted city planner who made plans for the improvement of the city of Honolulu, Denver, Omaha, Los Angeles and a number of other cities and who was considered one of the leading experts of the world, died yesterday at Albany, falling a victim to pneumonia.

He was the organizer of the national alliance of civic organizations.

ENLISTED MEN SENT TO UNPREPARED BASE

WASHINGTON, December 31—(Associated Press)—Investigation of the circumstances that led to and surrounded the sending of enlisted men of the ordnance department to Barter, New Jersey for military training, has been ordered by Secretary of War Baker. It is disclosed that the men were sent to this place for a military training camp where in fact such base as existed on paper only.

Barter's city officials are going to care for the men who were sent there.

MARCONI IS COMMISSIONER
ROME, December 31—(Associated Press)—Giovanni Marconi was yesterday named as commissioner of the Italian navy.

PRISONERS TAKEN TO ZURICH, INTERVIEWED

Number Includes Canadian Brigadier General

OTTAWA, December 31—(Associated Press)—A Reuters despatch received last night from Zurich says that a party of British war prisoners consisting of seventy-four officers and 554 men had arrived there from Germany and will be interviewed in the Hotel Deutscher.

Among the seventy-four officers is included Brigadier General Victor Willis, of the Canadian expeditionary force. The men are said to be in fairly good health.

SIX MEXICANS KILLED

EAGLE PASS, Texas, December 31—(Associated Press)—Six Mexicans were killed yesterday in an encounter at San Jose, Mexico, between United States regular troops, Texas rangers and Mexican bandits.

None of the Americans were injured.

RAISING NEW ARMY OF REAL INDIANS
SALT LAKE CITY, December 31—(Associated Press)—Chief Mowat, a Mesquero Apache of the famous Wolf clan, arrived here today in company with his wife, Princess Lone Feather, to conduct a campaign for obtaining recruits among the Indians for service in the United States Army.

The chief, who bears the message of war of Chief Thunder Water, the great high commander of the council of tribes of American Indians, is touring the country and expects to enroll more than 5000 American Indians.

HUN ASSAULTS ON TWO FRONTS ARE REPULSED WITH BIG LOSSES

British Rake Enemy With Terrible Fire in Ypres Sector and French Make Many Prisoners Near St. Quentin

HEAVY SNOW IMPEDES OPERATIONS IN WEST

Heavy Bombardment of Italian Positions Indicate Renewal of Desperate Effort By Austro-Germans To Break Through

NEW YORK, December 31—(Associated Press)—Futile attacks by the Teuton forces upon both British and French sectors of the Western Front were launched and repulsed on Saturday and yesterday. On the Italian front there were no activities beyond heavy bombardment of Italian position on two sectors, probably preliminary to another desperate attempt by the Austro-Germans to force away through to a more level and less hazardous country. Inclement weather is restricting operations on all fronts, said last night's official reports.

BRITONS VICTORS

Saturday night the Germans launched an attack in force upon the British positions northeast of Ypres where for several days previous they had been conducting severe bombardments. The attack proved futile for the British repulsed the Germans with a strong fire and the attack was repulsed before it even reached the entanglements and with a tremendous loss for the enemy.

FRENCH HOLD ON

At Dezonvaux and Vauquois in the St. Quentin sector the enemy launched attacks upon the French positions but both of these assaults were met and readily repulsed by the Poilus who took a large number of prisoners in the counter which was immediately launched and put the Boches to rout.

Aside from bombardments and reciprocal artillery duels there was little other activity on the Western Front. On the French front the weather is very cold and a heavy snowfall covers the ground impeding any operations. Some artillery fire is to be noted on this front however.

ITALIAN FRONT

Apparently preliminary to further heavy assaults as soon as weather may permit, the Austro-Germans bombarded the Italian positions on the Asiago Plateau to the east of the Piave.

Concentrating their fire on the Monte Bomba sector and also directing it a few miles east on both sides of Pederobba, near the upper Piave sector, the enemy gave evidence of a meditated early assault in that direction. There were no infantry engagements of importance the deep snow tending to prevent this.

ALLEY BY ADVANCES

Fresh progress is reported by General Allenby to the north and the northeast of Jerusalem. A strong resistance was offered by the Turks but they were overcome and forced to retire, evacuating Birz which was immediately occupied by the British forces.

WOMEN LESS NERVOUS

LONDON, December 31—(Associated Press)—Cases of nervousness among women have decreased to a point in England since the war, says a report of the Children's Hospital for Women. "Women are no longer so nervous as they were at the start of the war," says the report. "They are now more confident and less nervous. They are now more confident and less nervous. They are now more confident and less nervous."

PEACE TERMS ARE NOT ENDORSED BY ALL IN BERLIN

Paper Urges Its Readers To Kiss von Kuehlman For Betraying Army of His Country — Not Liked in Petrograd

LONDON, December 31—(Associated Press)—Trotzky was expected to present a new note to the Allies yesterday but up to an early hour this morning no information as to its contents had been received and it is believed that it will probably be presented to the various ambassadors of the Allied nations today or at latest tomorrow. Despatches from Petrograd told of his expected note. It was sent on Saturday but was delayed in transmission.

Even in Germany the proposed peace terms are not meeting with undivided satisfaction. The Bangerman Presse has invited its readers to kiss von Kuehlman on his return to Berlin for having betrayed the army of his country. He is expected to reach Berlin today from Russia and is to be immediately received by the Kaiser and then by von Hindenburg.

Maximilian Hardin in commenting editorially on the peace terms said that granting freedom to Alsace and Lorraine cannot be considered an obstacle to a peace agreement.

In Petrograd the terms are considered by some to be impossible. Despatches say that the Belgian minister is quoted as asserting that he was told by officials of the Petrograd government that the terms as offered could not be accepted because the proffered terms failed to indicate any means for the prevention of future conflicts or removal of the causes which have led up to the present war.

RUSSIA IS STILL IN STATE OF CHAOS

American Banker Released, Others Imprisoned—Fighting Fiercely in Irkutsk

WASHINGTON, December 31—(Associated Press)—R. B. Stevens, manager of the Petrograd branch of the National City Bank of New York, which was seized by the Petrograd government, has been released from custody, despatches from Minister Francis said yesterday. He was arrested with the heads of the other foreign banks which were taken into control and confiscated by the Bolsheviks. Stevens was arrested because he refused to yield to their demands and surrender the property of his employer.

While the American banker has been released such is not the case with other bankers for despatches told of the heads of all private banks which were raided by the Bolsheviks being now incarcerated in the prison of St. Peter.

In Manchuria the situation is serious. The North China Daily News, Shanghai reported printed an article to the effect that the situation at Harbin was serious. It also said that the situation was worse in Vladivostok and that the Chinese government is endeavoring to send troops there.

Reuters despatches received in London said that there was a Peking report of fighting at Irkutsk in eastern Siberia between the regular troops, the red guards, the Cossacks and military units. The fighting was said to have been severe and to have lasted for a week. The town was said to be on fire, some parts already destroyed and a large part of the population starving.

INVESTIGATIONS OF WAR AFFAIRS GO ON

WASHINGTON, December 31—(Associated Press)—Investigations of war affairs will proceed in senate committees today. General Crozier will reply to Lewis' testimony as to refusal to use the Lewis machine gun. Secretary Baker will also be afforded an opportunity to explain further the machine gun controversy.

Sharpe yesterday in a published statement placed the responsibility for delay in securing wool upon the national defense board. Senator Weeks had told the senate committee that he was reliably informed that failure to accept an order of raw wool early in April had resulted in a loss to the government of \$1,000,000.

Delivery of the ship building program will continue today with Bainbridge and Navy before the committee.

On Wednesday the senate committee will hear the report of the investigation of the coal shortage which will receive the attention of Hoover.

CHINA IS AROUSED BY JAPAN'S ACTION

SHANGHAI, December 30—(Associated Press)—A report from outside of the Shanghai area of a widespread anti-Japanese movement in replacing military with civil government was made in a protest by the Chinese government. The Chinese government has been urged to take action in replacing military with civil government.

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NEW REGISTRATION RULES WILL CHECK KAISERBUND PLOTS

Postmasters and Police Must Register All Unnaturalized German Residents

THUMBPRINTS AND NEW PHOTOGRAPHS REQUIRED

Cannot Change Places of Residence Without Permission; Amplifies Other Orders

WASHINGTON, December 31—(Associated Press)—Further drastic steps to curb the machinations of alien enemies against this country, following along the lines of those ordered by the President for the protection of the waterfronts of the ports and the great commerce of the Nation, will soon be put into operation. Germans, who do not hold naturalization papers will find themselves closely watched and made subject to severe restrictions as to movements.

Unnaturalized Germans within the United States are to be again registered during the week beginning February 4. Postmasters and the police forces of the various cities are to handle this registration, it was announced yesterday. Not only are these alien enemies to be registered but their thumb prints and photographs are to be taken in all instances and filed with the other data that is secured during the registration proceedings.

Cannot Change Abodes
All such alien enemies, once they are registered, will be furnished with registration identification cards and these they will be required to have with them at all times and present whenever they may be demanded. They may not change their places of residence without first securing the approval and permission of the postmaster and the police department where they are registered.

These orders supplement on November 24 for the protection of the waterfronts of ports but they affect all cities and towns and the surrounding rural districts.

All Must Observe Rules
The Department of Justice in its announcement emphasizes that American citizens as well as Germans must observe the waterfront restrictions and not attempt to pass the guard lines without being adequately identified by the private guards and given permission by the soldier guard. Otherwise the danger of innocent persons being shot is not negligible, it was explained.

The drastic rule was declared necessary to make sure that dangerous aliens are sifted from the thousands of longshoremen, teamsters, clerks, stevedores, business men and others having legitimate business within the dock areas.

The military guard at the Port of New York is effective in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Jersey City, Hoboken and other waterfront about the harbor. United States marshals having jurisdiction of the various harbor waterfronts will confer tomorrow at Governor's Island with military authorities concerning details of the plan.

The Department of Justice advises that the barred zone be marked by some sort of a line, and that signs notifying alien enemies not to pass be placed at frequent intervals.

In cases of street cars or railroads passing through the barred district, Germans will not be permitted to be aboard even for continuous passage. Any found within the zone for any reason whatever will be arrested and probably interned for the period of the war. Permits previously granted to Germans to enter waterfront zones are revoked. The restrictions, however, do not apply to public ferries.

Plan System of Passes
"It is important," says the Department of Justice regulations, "that the patrolling be effective and yet be carried on in such a manner as will interfere as little as possible with the free movement of traffic to and from the wharves and with the free operation of the wharves and other shipping facilities, for the speedy operation of the shipment of men and materials to Europe is of the utmost importance."

The system of identification by the inspectors to be employed by the pier and warehouse owners, the department's statement said, is not expected to accomplish a complete protection of shipping, and the department is engaged in planning a system of passes to supplement that of identification by inspectors. In the meantime special passes will be issued to persons with authority to enter the zone.

Wharf operators will prepare a list of employees and others entitled to admission to the restricted zones for inspection and guidance of military authorities.

Every operator of a water front facility," says the department regulations, "shall on or before Dec. 1 file with the United States Marshal in writing a statement describing its system of fire patrol and fire prevention."

A GERM DESTROYER

There is no danger whatever from lockjaw or blood poison resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is promptly applied. It is an anti-septic and destroys the germs which cause the disease. It also causes wounds to heal without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale at all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.—Advertisement.

The United States and the British Consulate, all of the beautiful public buildings and all charges, hospitals and asylums as well as all business buildings and manufactories are a mass of debris. Beneath the Colon Theater hundreds are buried.

ONLY RUINS ARE LEFT
Practically nothing remains of the beautiful city of Guatemala, capital of the richest little republic of Central America. As nothing was the destruction of the previous days and nights of terror. The city is riven and torn and great fissures have been opened up in the earth where a few days since was the center of its business activities and social life. News of the disaster first reached here through the navy department and the brief report said that everything was in ruins, the city virtually destroyed, 125,000 people homeless in its streets.

This report was wireless by United States naval vessels in a Guatemalan harbor and the navy department immediately wireless back to the commander of the fleet to render any and every assistance which might lay in their power.

CROWDED THEATER COLLAPSES
Later despatches received from San Salvador gave more details of the terrible calamity. Many had been killed in their homes and in the streets, these despatches said. The great Colon Theater was filled with people when the city was shaken and riven. It collapsed in a heap burying and crushing hundreds within and beneath the ruins.

All of the hospitals and asylums were wrecked and damaged and most of the inmates of the hospital and many of the asylum inmates were killed.

Other buildings utterly destroyed included the railway depot, sugar mills, postoffice, United States and British Consulates, and all of the churches and cathedrals were leveled to the ground.

WIDE FISSURES ARE OPENED
Deep fissures opened all through the city during the severity of the shock extending into and across what was formerly the busiest and most beautiful sections.

Thousands have fled from the city but more than a hundred thousand remained near their ruined abodes and there is a great need of provisions and supplies.

Immediately upon receiving news of the disaster the government of San Salvador started upon relief work and issued a call for subscriptions. It ordered all preparations for the celebration of New Year's day to cease and throughout the city there were signs of mourning and sympathy.

It is expected that the American Red Cross at headquarters here will take further action early today for speedy relief work and it is likely that public subscriptions will be immediately started.

BEAUTIFULLY LOCATED AS NEW CAPITAL
Guatemala la Nueva, in contrast to Guatemala Antigua which was the former capital, was located in the basin Montague fifteen miles from the old city which was established by the Spaniards. It was on the north flank of the volcanic coast cordillera. Its chief buildings were a beautiful cathedral, the archbishop's palace, government house, university buildings and military academy buildings. It is fifty-five miles from San Jose, chief port on the Pacific Ocean.

EARTHQUAKES OF FREQUENT OCCURRENCE
The republic of Guatemala is very mountainous and contains within its borders more than a score of volcanoes of which only one has been active in recent years. It is in the "earthquake zone" and earthquakes have been common, the most serious having occurred April 18, 1902. This shook the northwestern part of the country most severely. At Escuintla 1000 were killed and 1500 injured. At San Jose more than 1000 houses were destroyed but only three deaths reported. It was estimated at that time 50,000 were rendered homeless but on that occasion the capital suffered but little.

DEVIATION PROBABLY WIDE SPREAD
Reports of last week told of the earthquakes occurring in various parts of the republic and if the severity of the shock was commensurate at other places with the Guatemala City vibrations the damage must certainly have extended to other parts of the Republic on Saturday.

From the information already received it is evident that the 1902 disaster was not comparable in any way to the calamity of Saturday.

Despatches received early this morning said that the foreign population was safe and the loss of life had been confined to the natives.

SOLDIERS FIRED TREES, BEN HOLLINGER THINKS

The destruction by fire of several trees at Kapiolani Park the other night is believed by Supervisor Ben Hollinger to have been the work of soldiers. He has not yet succeeded, however, in finding any definite clue that might lead to the apprehension of the culprits.

"I am confident that soldiers set fire to the trees," said Hollinger yesterday. "They are known to be frequent visitors in that vicinity, and on the night of the blaze several were seen hurrying away just prior to the fire."

In all, twelve trees were damaged by the flames at Kapiolani Park, and Hollinger said yesterday it would take years before they again return to their normal state.

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ELEVEN PROPERTY OWNERS DELINQUENT

Property owners of eleven lots on Beretania Street, between Panshou and Alapala Streets, are delinquent in the payment of the instalments due on the assessments for improvements, and it is presumed they are withholding their money until such time as the L. L. McCandless injunction suit against assessments being levied on his property is settled.

The McCandless property is situated on Beretania Street, but not in the same section of the street as the eleven lots which are delinquent.

On the eleven lots a little more than \$5000 is delinquent, and the owners are evidently working on the assumption that for their delinquency they are being penalized one percent per month for the monthly instalments due, whereas according to the explanation given Saturday by the city attorney's office, the delinquent property owners are assessed at the rate of one percent on the total unpaid amount.

The McCandless case is now in the hands of Judge Kemp, who has it under advisement.